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SUBJ: CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD SEEKS METHADONE SOURCE

1. COLONEL CHAVALIT YODMANEE, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL CNB, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A METHADONE SOURCE. CHAVALIT STATES THAT THAI DOCTORS AT MILITARY AND POLICE HOSPITALS ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY, AS ONE ASPECT OF A METHADONE DETOXIFICATION PROGRAM, COULD BETTER IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC NUMBERS OF ADDICTS IN THE COUNTRY AND THUS ASSESS THE DEPTH OF THE PROBLEM. THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THE METHADONE EXPERIMENT WOULD BE THAT OF A DETOXIFICATION PROGRAM NOT A METHADONE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND BE MAINLY UTILIZED TO IDENTIFY HEROIN ADDICTS.

2. ACCORDING TO CHAVALIT, THE PROPOSED DETOXIFICATION ROUTINE WOULD PROVIDE ONE DOSE OF 40 MILLIGRAMS OF METHADONE TO EACH ADDICT. HE POINTS OUT THAT ONE GRAM OF METHADONE WOULD BE USED FOR 25 DOSES TO 25 PATIENTS AND ONE KILO OF METHADONE WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR 25,000 DOSES PROVIDING ONE-DAY TREATMENT FOR 25,000 HEROIN USERS.

3. CHAVILIT STATES THAT CURRENTLY FROM 200-300

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ADDICTS A DAY ARE SEEKING HELP FROM THAI TREATMENT

CENTERS. THE COST OF HEROIN IN THE AREA HAS RISEN AND THIS HAS RESULTED IN LARGE NUMBERS OF ADDICTS SEEKING RELIEF FROM HEROIN THROUGH OUTPATIENT FACILITIES.

4. CHAVILIT HAS REQUESTED THREE TO FOUR KILOS OF METHADONE IN ORDER TO INITIATE THE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION/IDENTIFICATION PROJECT. THE MISSION VIEW ON THIS REQUEST IS THAT THE PROVISION OF THE METHADONE FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED BE MADE ON A ONE-TIME BASIS WITH THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT NO COMMITMENT FOR SUPPORTING A LONG-TERM METHADONE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IS INVOLVED.

5. THE UTILIZATION OF METHADONE FOR ABOVE PROGRAM APPEARS FEASIBLE AND IS AVAILABLE, REQUEST SHIPMENT OF THREE TO FOUR KILOS FOR PURPOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE. WHITEHOUSE

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